

REMARKS

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

By the present Amendment, claims 6,7, 25-43, 45, 46 and 54 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1-5, 8-24, 44, 47-53 and 55-74 remain pending in the application. In the Office Action of June 18, 2004, claim 54 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wijay et al. Claim 54 is cancelled to expedite the allowance of the remaining claims and without prejudice for seeking protection in a corresponding divisional application.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-5, 8-24, 44, 47-53 and 55-74 are allowed. As those claims are the only claims remaining in the application, Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Applicant previously submitted a proposal to add new Figure 7 to the application, to address an objection to the drawings raised by the Examiner. Accordingly by the present Amendment, minor changes are made to the patent specification to refer to new Figure 7. In addition, a formal drawing for new Figure 7 (corresponding to the proposed Figure 7 previously submitted to the Examiner) is filed herewith. No new matter has been added to the application.

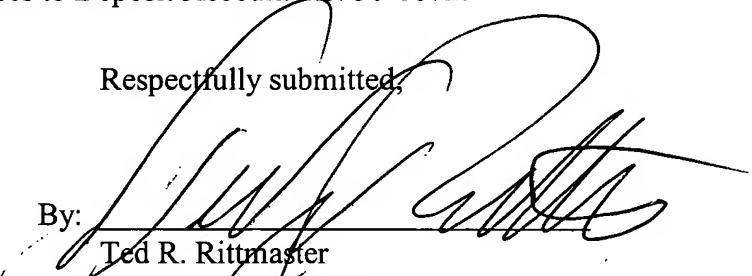
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even

entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0872.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The drawing sheet attached in connection with the above-identified application is being presented as a new formal drawing sheet to be inserted to the previously submitted drawing sheets. The drawing figure 7 has been added.